

The *Parkway* Herald

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Here's the deal...nearly nine months ago, we introduced one another as the other half of an arranged ministry partnership. We made a covenant together to minister alongside one another as we came to understand where Parkway is as a congregation and where it is going. We have come a very long way in many ways.

From the first, your dedication to making the transitional season effective was clear in visible ways. Nearly one hundred of you participated in the listening sessions last winter, which led to the publication of the Mission Study Report. That report revealed a few of the most pressing needs for the ministry of this congregation.

I am pleased to say that a significant number of these items are being talked about by you in small groups, Sunday School Classes, during fellowship time and elsewhere. Good. It's better to communicate than not. Be cautious about participating in any conversation that feels like gossip, because that is never good. Be aware of what you hear and ask yourself, "Does this sound like what Parkway does?" And, if you're still not sure, talk to one of the Session elders.

Your Session has done remarkable work over the last several months. Church policies and procedures are in various stages of review, revision and adoption. Ownership of the work of the ministry teams has been undertaken with all seriousness and devotion. Your trust in the Session is honored by the Session's commitment to the future of the church. Well done!

New leadership is being identified and cultivated. This is especially clear in the membership of the Pastor Nominating Committee and participation in the Sunday ministries of the church (think lectors and children's ministry providers). As my beloved husband used to say in his Navy days, "Bravo Zulu!"

The energy you all exhibit during worship is palpable, particularly since the move to a single 10:00 service. I do understand that the move hasn't been easy for many of you and I am grateful that you have made a sacrifice in order to worship at 10:00. The congregation of Parkway is best when it is together in all manner of ways.

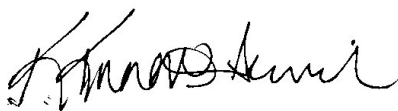
If I could have my "druthers," I'd druther more of you would make use of the church's excellent website, parkwaypres.com. There you will find our calendar, which is updated as soon as new events or activities are known. The newsletters are posted and archived there. A church's web page is often called the new front door of the church; going through that door will reveal a pretty awesome congregation.

Finally, to paraphrase Mark Twain, news of my departure has been greatly exaggerated. I appreciate, deeply, your kind expressions of farewell. I'm here for three more months and we still have plenty to do!

Nine months ago, I told you all this and I still mean it...

"And from this moment, be reminded of who and what you already are. By the Father's will, Christ's way and the Spirit's guidance, we will all grow in love for God and one another. Be mindful. You are people of God's community, as you have shown through your love for this congregation. Your diligent labor in pursuit of the future of Parkway Presbyterian Church testifies to the hope you have in Christ. Your faithful worship of the living God bears witness to your choice to ground yourselves in the love of God."

Grace and Peace,





SAVE THE DATE AUGUST 21, 2016

TREASURE HUNT & STORYTELLING

Come one and ALL

PARKWAY PRESBYTERIAN FELLOWSHIP HALL 5:30 PM - 7:45 PM

The Christian Formation Team welcomes all ages to come enjoy a light dinner and then be active in developing the story of 3 PARABLES: The Lost Sheep, The Lost Coin and The Prodigal Son. Mark your calendar today and RSVP by email to church@parkway.com or call 336-765-5646. Deadline is August 16.

MISSIONS TEAM MEETING

July 3, 2016

Attending: Gary Turner and Trinette Kirkman

A needs list for the children at Children's Hope Alliance (formerly Barium Springs and Grandfather Home for Children) will be in the bulletin throughout the month of July. A collection bin will be placed in the narthex and supplies should be delivered by August 7th.

We will have a fundraiser luncheon for Haiti (CODEP) in the fellowship hall on October 2nd immediately following the worship service. Further details will be coming soon!

We want to encourage Parkway members to donate items to El Buen Pastor's yard sale, usually held the last week of August. We will let the congregation know when a date is confirmed along with a list of items needed.

Our June food drive was very successful. We delivered 402 pounds of food (mostly Mac & Cheese) to the Second Harvest Food Bank.



Tuesdays at Two

Everyone is welcome to join us on the first Tuesday of each month at 2PM at the Lewisville Library. We will read and discuss some good books.

August 2 - *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins

September 6 - *A Confederacy of Dunces* by John Kennedy Toole

You do not need to be a member of Parkway to join us. For more information contact Hesta Anderson.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Eloise Wiegold
- 3 Martha Farabee
Katherine Purvis
Caleb Hamby
- 6 Bob Parrish
Trinette Kirkman
- 7 Blaine Gray
- 12 Tessa Domenech
- 13 Ron Black
- 16 Wanda Dorsett
Randy Weisz
- 18 Ken Phillips
- 19 Ann Southard
- 20 Bob Moore
Barbara Wall
- 21 Linda Gellatly
- 22 Tina Chapman
- 23 Reed Bickler
- 25 Ashley Heffner
Julie Kolischak
- 29 Audrey Ward
- 30 Rick Cole
- 31 Marshall Crouch
Flora Wheeler

Food & Fellowship will meet on August 16, at the Village Tavern (Hanes Mall Blvd.) at 6:30pm. You do not have to be a member to join us. For more information or to be on our contact list and receive an email reminder contact Leo or Marlene Weisz at werlmweisz@triad.rr.com

General Fund YTD –thru 7-25-16

Received \$159,813.52

Budgeted \$154,327.73

Ahead/Behind (+/-) \$+ 5,486.29

Mortgage Balance thru June 2016

\$237,686.82



Dear Parkway Members and Friends,

Thank you for your many gifts to our mother Dorothy Pierce during her final days here with us. Your presence in her life brought her great joy and comfort, and she cherished your final calls, cards, and visits. You were all on her mind, and she had hoped to contact so many more of you.

During Mom's last week she wrote you the following note, and asked that it be published, so that she might tell you all a final goodbye in her own words.

Sincerely,

Donna Skultety and Debra Risinger

A note of thanks to Parkway Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Women and Seekers Class for 18-20 years of a unique fellowship with friendships that are deep and abiding and have promoted spiritual growth that is very precious to me. God has now called me home in the kindest, most considerate arrangement I could imagine. I praise Him for all the blessings and love His plan assures me. May God continue to guide and bless His people.

Dorothy Pierce

May 17, 2016

The best foods to donate

▶ Fruit and vegetable

Low-sodium canned vegetables
Canned fruit in light or no syrup
100% vegetable or fruit juice
Fruit cups in their own juice
Diced tomatoes
Spaghetti sauce
Raisins



▶ Protein

Canned salmon, chicken, turkey, or tuna in water
Low-sodium bean soups
Dried or canned beans and peas
Turkey or vegetable chili
Natural peanut butter
Low-fat cream soups
Almond butter
Unsalted nuts



▶ Grain

Whole-grain crackers
Whole-wheat pasta
Plain or low-sugar oatmeal
Low-sugar/high-fiber cereal
Whole-grain granola bars
Brown rice



▶ Milk

Low-fat dry milk
2% evaporated milk
Shelf-stable 1% milk
Fat-free pudding



Source: Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest N.C.

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